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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

# **Notice of Abandonment**

Application No.

08/966,368

Examiner

T. C. Patel

Applicant(s)

THIARD-LAFORET ET AL.

Art Unit


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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

This application is abandoned in view of:

1. ☐ Applicant's failure to timely file a proper reply to the Office letter mailed on \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (a) ☐ A reply was received on \_\_\_\_\_ (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated \_\_\_\_\_), which is after the expiration of the period for reply (including a total extension of time of \_\_\_\_\_ month(s)) which expired on \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (b) ☐ A proposed reply was received on \_\_\_\_\_, but it does not constitute a proper reply under 37 CFR 1.113 (a) to the final rejection.  
(A proper reply under 37 CFR 1.113 to a final rejection consists only of: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114).
  - (c) ☐ A reply was received on \_\_\_\_\_ but it does not constitute a proper reply, or a bona fide attempt at a proper reply, to the non-final rejection. See 37 CFR 1.85(a) and 1.111. (See explanation in box 7 below).
  - (d) ☐ No reply has been received.
2. ☐ Applicant's failure to timely pay the required issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, within the statutory period of three months from the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85).
  - (a) ☐ The issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, was received on \_\_\_\_\_ (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated \_\_\_\_\_), which is after the expiration of the statutory period for payment of the issue fee (and publication fee) set in the Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85).
  - (b) ☐ The submitted fee of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is insufficient. A balance of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is due.  
The issue fee required by 37 CFR 1.18 is \$\_\_\_\_\_. The publication fee, if required by 37 CFR 1.18(d), is \$\_\_\_\_\_.
  - (c) ☐ The issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, has not been received.
3. ☐ Applicant's failure to timely file corrected drawings as required by, and within the three-month period set in, the Notice of Allowability (PTO-37).
  - (a) ☐ Proposed corrected drawings were received on \_\_\_\_\_ (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated \_\_\_\_\_), which is after the expiration of the period for reply.
  - (b) ☐ No corrected drawings have been received.
4. ☒ The letter of express abandonment which is signed by the attorney or agent of record, the assignee of the entire interest, or all of the applicants.
5. ☐ The letter of express abandonment which is signed by an attorney or agent (acting in a representative capacity under 37 CFR 1.34(a)) upon the filing of a continuing application.
6. ☐ The decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interference rendered on \_\_\_\_\_ and because the period for seeking court review of the decision has expired and there are no allowed claims.
7. ☒ The reason(s) below:

Express Abandonment was received on 2/10/05

  
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Petitions to revive under 37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b), or requests to withdraw the holding of abandonment under 37 CFR 1.181, should be promptly filed to minimize any negative effects on patent term.

Docket No. 0107-0974-3REISSUE



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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Alfred THIARD-LAFORET et al.

SERIAL NO: 08/966,368

GAU: 2839

FILED: November 7, 1997

EXAMINER: Patel, Tulsidas

FOR: METHOD FOR REPAIRING A CONNECTING DEVICE FOR THE ELECTRICAL CONNECTION  
AND FOR SUPPLYING AND...

**EXPRESS ABANDONMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.138**

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SIR:

Applicant(s) wish to disclose the following information.

☒ **Express Abandonment**

Applicant's Representative requests that the above-identified application be expressly abandoned as of the filing date of this paper.

☐ **Express Abandonment in Favor of a Continuing Application**

Applicant's Representative requests that the above-identified application be expressly abandoned as of the filing date accorded the continuing application filed herewith.

☐ **Petition for Express Abandonment to Avoid Publication under 37 C.F.R. 1.128(c)**

Applicant's Representative hereby petitions to expressly abandon the above-identified application under 37 CFR 1.138(c) to avoid publication.

The required petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h) of \$130.00 is enclosed herewith by credit card payment form and any further charges may be made against the Attorney of Record's Deposit Account No. 15-0030. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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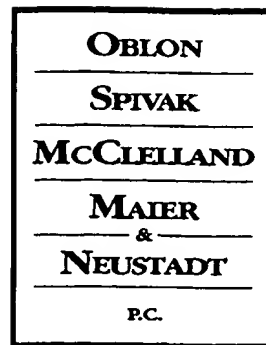
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RE: Application Serial No.: 08/966,368  
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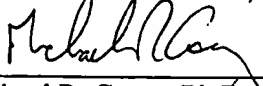
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**SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT  
WITHDRAWAL OF OFFER TO SURRENDER  
EXPRESS ABANDONMENT**

Our credit card payment form in the amount of \$130.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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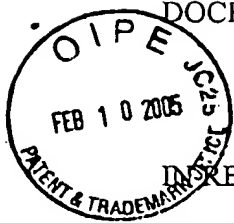
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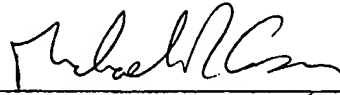
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SIR:

Patentees herein withdraw the offer to surrender the original U.S. Patent no.  
5,659,944, in light of the supplemental amendment filed herewith returning the reissue  
application to the original form of the patent and the Request for Express Abandonment filed  
herewith.

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